



# CORDELL BANK NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY SANCTUARY ADVISORY COUNCIL

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## MEETING MINUTES

**November 14, 2013**

9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Cypress Grove Research Center, Marshall, CA

Note: The following meeting notes are an account of discussions at the Sanctuary Advisory Council meeting and do not necessarily reflect the position of the Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuary and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

### **Welcome**

Advisory Council Chair, George Clyde, called the meeting to order at 9:25 AM

### **Roll Call**

#### Members present:

George Clyde (Chair, Community-at-Large Marin)  
Mike Cummings (Community-at-Large Marin Alt.)  
Kevin Krick (Vice Chair, Maritime Activities)  
John Berge (Maritime Activities Alt.)  
Jaime Jahncke (Research)  
Pete Adams (Research Alt.)  
Bill Wolpert (Community-at-Large Sonoma)  
Sarah Hameed (Community-at-Large Sonoma Alt.)  
Leslie Adler-Ivanbrook (Education)  
Rachel Bergren (Education Alt.)  
Noah Wagner (Fishing Alt.)  
Cody Dunagan (United States Coast Guard)  
Joseph Giammanco (United States Coast Guard)

#### CBNMS staff:

Dan Howard (Superintendent)  
Kaitlin Graiff (Advisory Council Coordinator, Research Specialist)  
Jennifer Stock (Education and Outreach Coordinator)  
Michael Carver (Deputy Superintendent)  
Lilli Ferguson (Resource Protection Specialist)  
Dani Lipski (Research Coordinator)

### **Review Agenda**

The agenda was unanimously approved

### **Review of August Minutes**

The August 8, 2013 meeting minutes were reviewed and approved with no changes. George motions to adopt August minutes as final, Kevin approves, Bill seconds, all in favor

***August minutes accepted as final***

### **Superintendent's Report (Dan Howard)**

- i. Swearing in and welcome to new members - Rachel Bergren and Noah Wagner. Rachel represents the Education alternate seat and is the Director of Education and Guest Experience for The Marine Mammal Center. Noah represents the Fishing Alternate seat and is the Marina Supervisor for the Spud Point Marina. Richard Ogg, Commercial Fisherman and Director for the Bodega Bay Fisherman's Marketing Association, was selected to represent the Fishing Primary seat but could not attend this meeting due to the conflict with opening day of Dungeness Crab season.
- ii. Dan also welcomed Dani Lipski as the Research Coordinator for Cordell Bank. Dani was previously the Research Specialist for the Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary. We are happy to have Dani on the CBNMS team.
- iii. Impacts from the Federal Government shutdown –
  - Cordell Bank NMS had a remotely operated vehicle (ROV) cruise that was canceled. The cruise will be rescheduled in September 2014.
  - Boundary Expansion process was also put on hold, delaying the schedule for completing the draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and Management Plans for internal review.
  - Jenny had to cancel a teacher networking opportunity at the Oakland Museum. This was a meeting of a few hundred Bay Area teachers.
  - Ongoing webinars for the Winged Ambassadors curriculum were also canceled.
  - Communications with vessel traffic services were also impacted. The local notice to mariners about the high abundance of whales in the region kept broadcasting when there may not have been the need.
- iv. FY14 Budget –FY14 budget is unknown at this time. Operating on a continuing resolution. Working through budget planning exercises.
- v. Proposed Boundary Expansion - All documents have been completed at the site level and submitted to headquarters for review and editing. The goal is for the draft documents to be reviewed and distributed by early winter for public review and in time for the joint CB/GF SAC meeting. The revisions to the Cordell Bank management plan included reconstructing the document's language to incorporate the proposed expansion area for the research and education sections. The only new activity that was added addressed whale/ship strikes issue. A full management plan review will take place after boundary expansion has been in place.

## **Advisory Council Business**

- i. 2014 meeting schedule was determined:

February 19, 2014 (joint meeting with the GF SAC)

May 1, 2014

August 21, 2014

November 13, 2014

Retreat is October 16, 2014

- ii. Council Work Plan Discussion – Dan addressed the challenges of establishing a rigid work plan that does not leave room for important issues coming up throughout the year. In 2014 the council will be involved with proposed boundary expansion. Dan asked the Council members if there were issues that the council would like to address in 2014. Such as a topic with two perspectives that could be right for a panel discussion or identify individuals to invite to meetings with subject matter expertise relevant to Cordell Bank and the expansion area. Ideas from the discussion included: Radiation from Fukushima, marine debris from Japan, Todd to present on Leatherback sea turtles, updates on local research and teacher workshops about ocean acidification and where we fit with this issue, how are Sanctuaries addressing the National Ocean Policy and marine spatial planning, jobs and economics of Sanctuaries, ongoing Whale Aware updates, impacts on rising sea level for habitats and human infrastructure (Our Coast Our Future), presentation on the ocean climate indices developed by GFNMS working group, and Research being conducted at Bodega Marine Lab that has relevance to Cordell Bank.

## **Member Reports**

*Kevin Krick* – on the shipping industry side of things: ruling to take effect on January 1, 2014 that all ships in California will be plugged in at their berths so there are no emissions. The next International Maritime Organization (IMO) meeting will be in April from the 7<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> and the big issues are a proposed delay for a regulation for NOx emissions and ballast water treatment technology. The testing methods aren't robust enough and it's confusing for international shippers. The whale poster with whale identification images and how to report whale sightings has gotten good feedback.

*Sarah Hameed* – provided an update on the local outbreak of sea star wasting disease.

*Bill Wolpert*– The Climate Action Advisory Group will be meeting soon; Bill is one of three delegates for Petaluma.

*Leslie Adler-Ivanbrook* – The Golden Gate National Recreation Area has been chosen by National Geographic to be a part of Bio Blitz. Point Reyes National Seashore is supporting a science day at West Marin School. Hog Island Oyster Company has been collaborating with Tessa Hill at BML with restoration of the native oyster and removing oyster drills.

*Additional member reports were postponed due to time to accommodate following agenda items.*

**Cordell Marine Sanctuary Foundation Update** (Tom Lambert)

- i. The Foundation's activities for 2013 included providing funds for: education programs, including the Winged Ambassadors education program; Whale Spotter app development; traveling photo exhibit; Ocean Currents radio program transcription; Cordell Bank lecture series, and education materials and outreach.
- ii. The Foundation's direction for the future: Determine how each board member can best serve CBNMS, greater emphasis on fundraising, especially from private sector, form partnerships with other nonprofits, rebuild website, recruit volunteers.

John asked for the type of work needed from volunteers – website maintenance, mailings, and help at outreach events.

*No public comment*

**Presentation: Bay Area Underwater Explorer's (BAUE) first dive expedition on Cordell Bank** (Matt Vieta, BAUE)

Meeting adjourned at 1:00 PM.

Advisory Council Retreat (closed to the public) commenced at 1:00 PM and ended at 3:30 PM.